COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTIONS (CIDs)

The 3rd Quarter of FY2003 CID REPORT – GETTING THE *RIGHT ITEM*, AT THE *RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT PRICE, EVERY TIME*, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

Our continuing focus with this newsletter is to provide you with our commercial documentation efforts as they relate to electronic and hardware commodities. The benefits of commercial items and the utilization of the industrial marketplace will always remain a priority at DSCC especially in realizing the DLA Vision and the DSCC WAY by providing *the right item, right time, right place, right price, every time…best value solutions.*

CURRENT CID ACTIVITIES

The third quarter of FY 03 proved to be one of the slower times for CID activity here at DSCC. Although the emphasis is still on examining the use of a Commercial Item Description before all other standardization specifications, the numbers were not as significant as they have been in recent reports. However, we are still maintaining a steady base of about 12 percent CIDs for our overall total population of active standardization specifications. This 12 percent amounts to almost 430 CIDs. Special attention will be warranted in the following quarters to monitor the commercial-industrial standardization activity to encourage our previous positive growth in this area as we will discuss in the "What's New" section.

The following bullets highlight the CID activities for just the third quarter of FY 03:

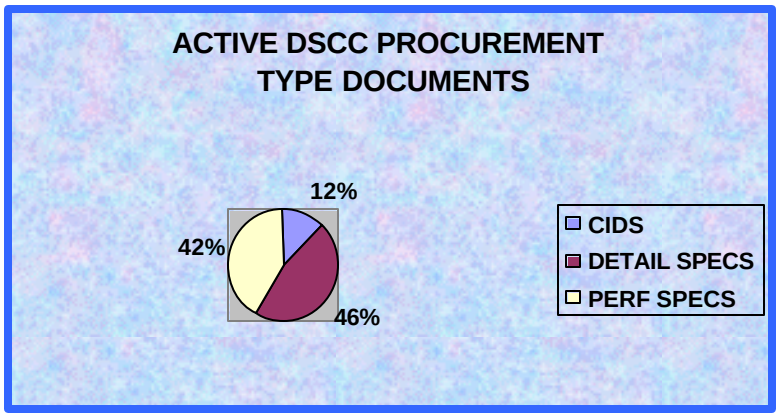
- New CIDs Published 4
- Overage CIDs Validated or Revised 6
- CIDs Cancelled 2

Our revised or validated CIDs have been highlighted below:

- A-A-2622 – Adapters, Pipe to Hose, Straight or Reducing
- A-A-52047 – Tubing, Nonmetallic (Rubber and Plastic)
- A-A-55534/2, /7 and /8 – Resistors, Fixed, Chip, Very Low Values (Power Type)

The two cancelled CIDs were both from FSC 5925 on automotive circuit breakers. DSCC still has several CIDs that cover this type of device available for commercial applications.

The chart that follows best summarizes the complete story of DSCC procurement documents, including CIDs, up through the second quarter of FY 03.



What's New?

As we conclude the third quarter of FY 03, many changes are potentially on the horizon for the electronic component standardization area. Utilizing the commercial manufacturing infrastructure is a critical concept to achieving standardization on items that could be used by the services in less harsh environments. One such situation is occurring as this is being written and that is the move by many manufacturers to utilize pure tin terminal plating processes for many of their commercial products and some of their military grade components in lieu of the traditional tin-lead configuration. The migration to pure tin forces the devices to be categorized as commercial due to their inability to meet critical weapon system requirements resulting in a potentially large effort for DSCC in the CID standardization arena. The military services and space community, because of the growth of tin whiskers, have long prohibited pure tin and any pure tin components will result in CID documentation development to realize standardization benefits.

We also still believe the items covered by the hardware FSCs will begin to produce commercial items at a steady rate in the very near future. The new CIDs developed in the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year are highlighted below:

- A-A-59207 – Fuse, Cartridge, Subminiature, Time Delay, Axial Lead
- A-A-59235 – Coil, RF, Chip, Fixed, Power, Magnetically Shielded, Surface Mount
- A-A-59236 and /1 – Fuse, Inclosed Link, Automotive Blade Type, 42 Volt, General Requirements For

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http://www.dscc.dla.mil/offices/Doc_control/

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